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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION: NEW CLEARANCE PROCEDURES INCREASE

DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING AIRCRAFT LANDING PERMISSION

1. SUMMARY. NEW PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED WHEREBY MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS PERSONALLY REVIEWS APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO LAND IN INDONESIA FROM UNSCHEDULED SERVICES CARRYING TOURISTS, AND FOR ALL CHARTER FLIGHTS. BESIDES GREAT INCREASE IN TIME REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING AFFECTED APPLICATIONS, WE ALSO NOTICE MORE FREQUENT REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE MAKE INFORMATION IN THIS MESSAGE AVAILABLE TO AIRLINE OWNERS' AND PILOTS' ASSOCIATION AND OTHER GROUPS WHOSE INTERESTS INVOLVED. END SUMMARY.

2. EACH REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO LAND SUBMITTED BY EMBASSY REQUIRES SEPARATE APPROVALS BY FOREIGN MINISTRY, CIVIL AVIATION
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(COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY), AND SECURITY SERVICES ("HANKAM").

STEP TWO IS WHERE MOST OF CURRENT DIFFICULTY LIES. OUR ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT NORM FOR NEW PROCEDURE MIGHT BE A MINIMUM OF FOURTEEN REPEAT FOURTEEN FULL WORKING DAYS. NUMEROUS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ERROR RENDER SYSTEM NONFUNCTIONAL WITHOUT FREQUENT PRIMING FROM THE OUTSIDE--A SERVICE THAT COSTS CONSIDERABLE TIME AND HAS ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION INVOLVED APPEAL TO THE MINISTER. THE INITIATION OF THE NEW SYSTEM HAS COINCIDED WITH AND INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR "CLARIFICATION" OF THE INFORMATION ROUTINELY PROVIDED--CLARIFICATION WHICH IS NORMALLY NOT AVAILABLE WITHOUT RECOURSE TO THE ORIGINATOR OF THE REQUEST. HANKAM CLEARANCE MAY NOT EVEN BE REQUESTED UNTIL CIVIL AVIATION CLEARANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

3. PERSONS INTERESTED IN OPERATING CHARTER FLIGHTS TO INDONESIA FOR ANY PURPOSE, OR IN BRINGING TOURISTS HERE ON NONSCHEDULED FLIGHTS, SHOULD BE WARNED THAT THEIR REQUESTS, COMPLETE IN ALL DETAILS, MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY A MINIMUM OF THREE WEEKS BEFORE A REPLY IS NEEDED. THE MINISTRIES INVOLVED WILL NOT ENTERTAIN PRELIMINARY REQUESTS WITH FINAL OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO COME. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO HOW THESE APPLICATIONS MIGHT BE FACILITATED, THE DIRECTOR OF AIR TRAFFIC POLICY COULD ONLY SUGGEST THAT REQUESTS FOR "CLARIFICATION" OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS MIGHT BETTER BE HANDLED BY LOCAL AGENTS FAMILIAR WITH THE AVIATION BUSINESS THAN BY FOREIGN EMBASSIES. FIRMS OPERATING CHARTER OR TOURIST FLIGHTS ON MORE THAN AN OCCASIONAL BASIS MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER ENGAGING SUCH LOCAL AGENTS.

4. WE WILL PROMPTLY INFORM THE DEPARTMENT IF RELIEF IS OBTAINED FROM SITUATION NOTED ABOVE. IN THE MEANTIME, EMBASSY OF COURSE CONTINUES PREPARED TO MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE ON SHORT NOTICE IN CASE OF GENUINE EMERGENCY.
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